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1. On 29 December 1950, the quarters at the former airfield, the barracks installation on Bismarckstrasse and the Soviet kommandatura in Gardelegen (53/Y 44) were occupied by a total of about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Troops were seen drilling in 10 groups, each composed of 12 men, in the yard of the Bismarck-Kaserne, where trucks  were seen. About 35 groups of 12 soldiers each were drilling at the training field near the airfield. Trucks  were at the airfield. Passenger car  was seen at some Soviet-occupied houses in a settlement east of the airfield. About 25 other groups of soldiers were drilling in the open area south of Gardelegen, which bordered on the highway to Waldensleben. \*

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- \*  Comment. Units of the 207th Litz Rifle Div, including the 693rd or 593d Arty Regt, are believed to be stationed at the Gardelegen airfield and in the barracks installation on Bismarckstrasse.

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900 to 1,000 troops to have been stationed at the airfield and 200 to 300 troops in the installation on Bismarckstrasse in late November 1950.  There is a possibility that, besides the artillery regiment which is estimated at 600 to 700 men, an independent battalion of the 207th Litz Rifle Div may be stationed in Gardelegen.

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